



HON. JAMES C. IRWIN,

The Honest President of the County Board, Who Is Against Magerstadt's Hotel Scheme.

tion, then the company has been about paid in full.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the Corporation Counsel be directed to file a bill to set aside these judgments and for an accounting with the gas company, and that the Comptroller be directed to withhold payment of the judgments until the city or some taxpayer can get the matter to a hearing in court, and submit herewith a draft of a resolution to that effect and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOHN F. NEAGLE,
WILLIAM MAYOR,
A. W. BEILFUSS.

WILLIAM T. MAYPOLE.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to file a bill in chancery to set aside all judgments against the city in favor of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company, and for an accounting between the city and said company.

Resolved further, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to withhold payment of such judgments for one month after the passage hereof.

The report and resolutions were adopted unanimously.

If the people of Chicago permit them selves to be robbed by an Octopus which has no legal right to exist, they are not entitled to any sympathy.

The "Universal Gas Company" obtained a franchise from the city on the express stipulation that it would charge but 30 cents per thousand feet for gas. The Universal company is now owned by the Trust, and is furnishing gas at \$1.10 per 1,000 feet, in de-

fluence of law. Its franchise should be forfeited forthwith.

The best way to fight the Gas Trust is to organize ward clubs to fight it. In this way public sentiment can be roused to fever heat, and the bribe-taking scoundrels and bribe-taking legislators will be driven from Chicago forever!

Organize!

Organize for your rights!
Organize against the Gas Trust which is sapping the life blood out of Chicago and which owns its streets by virtue of legislative bribery!
The Gas Trust must go.

Corporation money buys balliffs and bribes juries. Corporation money buys legislation. Is this sort of freedom guaranteed by the constitution?

When the Sangamon County Grand Jury investigates legislative bribery it must not forget the Gas Trust agent who manipulated the deal of 1897. That deal will not be outlawed for over a year yet.

So cheap are the materials now used in the manufacture of gas that the commodity can be sold at a profit for 35 cents per 1,000 feet for illuminating purposes and for 20 cents per 1,000 feet for fuel.

The city keeps on collecting special assessments for the benefit of the Gas Trust; many of those who pay them never see their gas, and those who do see a very inferior quality of the article.



VOTERS OF CHICAGO!

Remember Gas Trust Akin, the Attorney-General of Illinois.

The Gas Trust uses Chicago's streets and pays absolutely nothing for them. On the contrary, it charges the city \$1 per 1,000 feet for all the gas it uses, and the city pays the price!

When the People's Gas Company made gas out of coal it employed 700 men at good wages. It now makes gas out of oil and employs about 40 men in the new process.

Four gallons of oil cost 3-4 of a cent a gallon and make 1,000 feet of gas, which nets \$1 when sold to the people.

The Gas Trust shows the European noblemen, whose money it handles, that some things can be bought here cheaper than they can in Europe—Legislatures, for instance.

The Chicago managers of the Gas Trust are at the bottom of several other trusts that control the people's food supply. The Gas Trust will soon be able to starve the people or keep them in darkness, as it sees fit.

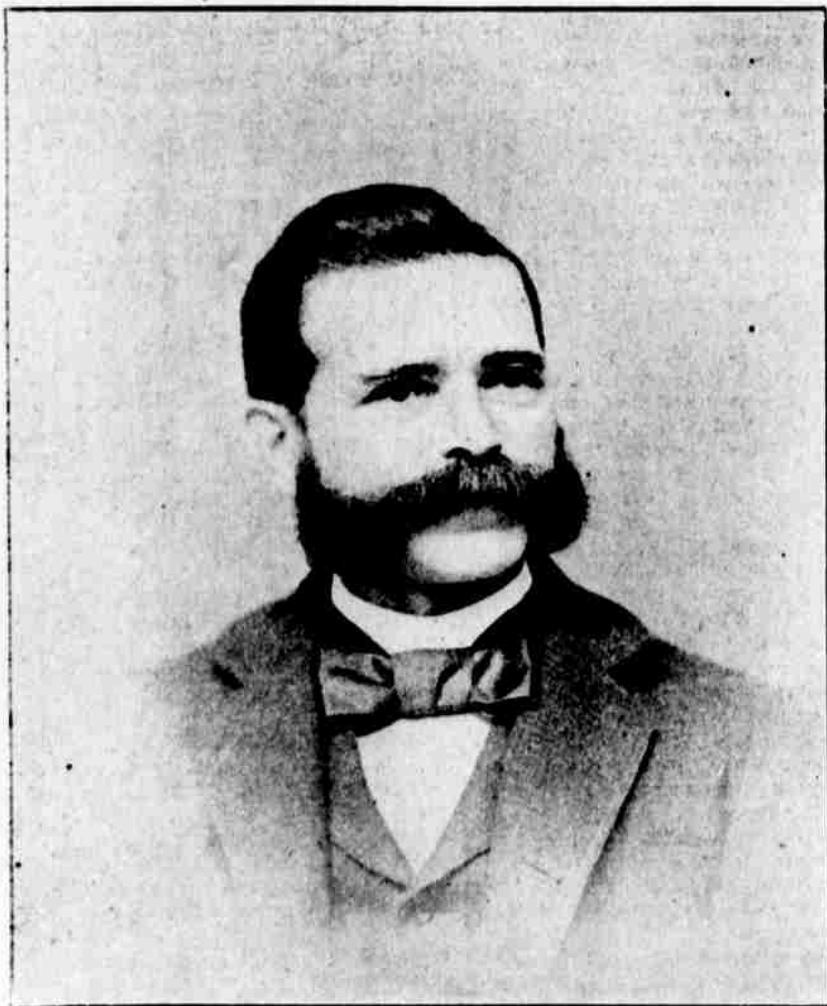
You know who your Senators and Representatives are, and if you are not sure whether they were bribe-takers or not, just ask some one.

Everybody knows the grafters, but the people have been too lenient with them.

The time has come for the people to strike bribery, and strike it hard. If it is not rebuked now your lives and your liberties will be sold before you know it!

The Hospitals, Orphan Asylums, Charitable Institutions (both public and private), and all Churches, Schools and Institutions of Learning are the especial prey of the Gas Trust. The Gas Trust has a perpetual monopoly, thanks to the infamous Consolidation and Frontage Bill it purchased at Springfield. Is there no remedy?

The Gas Trust robs the Soldiers' Widow. It robs the Orphan. It robs the Aged. It enjoys a perpetual monopoly as the result of bribery. Is there no recourse?



HON. Z. P. BROSSAU,

Who Has Just Been Decorated by the French Academy.

Hon. Z. P. Brosseau, the well-known Board of Trade man and public-spirited citizen, has been highly and deservedly honored by the French government, having been conferred upon him the order of "officier d'academie." He was presented with the insignia of the order of Merit by Henri Meron, consul of France. Mr. Brosseau is a member of the Alliance Francaise, and that he should be so honored is considered a distinguished compliment to that institution and an indication that the French government is in sympathy with its work.

The order of "officier d'academie" has been conferred upon few Americans. It is an honor that the French government reserves for its distinguished literatures and is rarely given to foreigners.

In his letter to Mr. Brosseau, Consul Meron recalled many public-spirited acts. He said that Mr. Brosseau had for many years been considered by the

French Canadian colony of Chicago its most eminent representative. He told of the great work accomplished by Mr. Brosseau as editor of the French newspaper, *Courier de l'Ouest*, and of his gift of French works to the Chicago public library. Reference was also made to his labors as a member of the Alliance Francaise.

The ceremonies of conferring the order upon Mr. Brosseau were very simple. The recipient of the honor was called upon by Consul Meron and H. J. Farley, Jr., president of the Alliance Francaise. The letter of Consul Meron was read and the insignia of the order presented. The insignia is a wreath of palms made of gold suspended to a violet ribbon. The small string of violet ribbon is usually worn alone by members of the order. After the presentation of the brevets and insignia by Consul Meron a complimentary speech was made in French by President Farley.

How humiliating it is to think of Gas Trust people writing to England to tell of what they can do with American Legislatures with a little English money.

The infamous Gas Trust bought our streets of the last Legislature, and the city of Chicago can never own a gas plant or an electric light plant of its own until this "Consolidation" law is repealed.

Think of an American city prohibited from using its own streets!

Yet the city of Chicago cannot use its own streets if it wants to light them itself!

The Gas Trust owns Chicago streets.

The people are just awakening to this fact.

Wait until they are thoroughly aroused, and some gentlemen will not wish to remain long inside the city limits.

When the Sangamon County grand jury takes up the bribery cases against the Gas Trust and Warehouse people it will also indict many legislators for perjury on their oath of office.

Although this oath is administered to 153 citizens of Illinois every two years it is not commonly known that each Representative not only lifts his right hand and solemnly swears to do his

duty, etc., but he also signs his name to the oath of office which closes with the following sweeping oath-bound promise:

"Nor will I accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person for any vote or influence I may give or withhold on any bill, resolution or appropriation, or for any other official act."

"Oh, that's only a matter of form," explained one of the old members to a new one who suggested "That's a cast-iron oath, isn't it?"

Excepting China, it would be hard to find any country where the extortion practiced by the Gas Trust on the people of Chicago would long be tolerated.

The Gas Trust robs the people in every way.

It rents gas ranges to poor people at outrageous prices. It then puts on extra pressure scientifically applied and forces air through the pipes at a great rate.

This pressure is especially strong evenings when supper is being prepared. The people pay for wind which costs the Trust nothing.

Special assessments for gas lamps go right along, but the poor people do not get the gas on the streets after they pay their assessments. The Gas Trust owns the streets. The city has nothing to do with them.

The Gas Trust is not furnishing one-half the light it should furnish, and for

years, according to published reports, it did not furnish 22-candle power to the city.

It is reported that the Gas Trust is getting paid for thousands of lamps which are not in service, and this can be easily verified.

In honor of the reappointment of Justice Thomas Edgar as Police Magistrate at Logan Square on last Tuesday morning his Democratic and Republican friends gave him a most agreeable surprise. When Judge Edgar arrived at his court-rooms he found them literally crowded to the guards by his friends and neighbors, who had assembled to do him honor. The Judge was presented with two magnificent floral tributes—one from the officers of the Thirty-sixth Precinct, Atwell Street Police Station, as a token of their affection for the popular Police Magistrate, while the Norwood Park Democratic friends required a hayrack to bring their floral tribute, which not only buried the Judge's desk out of sight, but also filled one-half of the court-room. Sometimes a man is really surprised to find how many staunch friends he has on his staff. Since Tuesday morning Judge Edgar has quit guessing.

William D. Kerfoot, who was appointed City Comptroller Monday night, assumed the duties of his office

Tuesday and appointed William K. Ackerman Deputy Comptroller. Mr. Ackerman was Comptroller under the Hopkins administration. The position was first offered to ex-Comptroller Edward A. Halsey, but Mr. Halsey declined to accept, declaring his private business had already suffered through his tenure of the office.

Mr. Ackerman's appointment was somewhat of a surprise to the radical members of the Democratic party, who pointed to the fact that Mr. Ackerman ran for North Town Supervisor on the Republican ticket. Comptroller Kerfoot said the appointment of Mr. Ackerman was agreeable to the Mayor and that Mr. Ackerman would assume his official duties next morning.

W. O. Johnson, John S. Rydell, Z. P. Brosseau, John T. Connerly, George S. Foster and A. C. Powers are talked of for appointment to the School Board.

Hon. Clayton E. Crafts has many warm admirers who want to see his name on the Democratic State ticket.

Wires are being laid by the Republicans of Hyde Park to make Lorin C. Collins a candidate for Governor. Mr. Collins has not said he will agree to the proposition, but his friends have spoken for him. They have discussed the situation with him and as a result

his candidacy was made public this week.

The organization Republicans of the Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Wards are bringing him out. One of the leaders said:

"We favor giving the nomination to a Chicago man, and we present Lorin C. Collins as our first choice. We consider him the most logical candidate for Cook County to put forward. He is an organization Republican, but not subject to criticism by the so-called anti-machine element."

In the recent municipal campaign Mr. Collins made more than fifty speeches for the Republican ticket and was heard in every ward of the city. He is well known throughout the State as a leading Republican, a prominent lawyer, and a former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Ever since the election," said Mr. Collins, "Republicans have talked to me on the trains and in the streets, saying they would like to give me their votes for Governor. Some of them were not so prominent and much less powerful. But I have not given the matter serious consideration. You know, what would suit the politicians might not suit the people. It is, or ought to be, a great honor to be Governor, but I am too much of a politician to entangle myself in a complication that might prove disastrous."